

The Afterburner

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Squadron saw many changes in 2005

The Emerald City Squadron witnessed many changes in 2005, but the most notable was at the leadership level.

Longtime squadron commander, Major Craig Bradley announced in June that he would be relocating to northern Arizona. His many years of service would be missed. With Bradley's departure, new leadership was needed to keep the squadron moving ahead.

Major Ron Muhasky, longtime supply officer of the squadron, assumed command in August.

Muhasky grew up in Dixon, Illinois and was involved early as a cadet. He spent two years in the program there until his family moved to west Wichita in 1969. There he joined the Wichita West Composite Squadron from 1969-1975 where he earned the Earhart award and rank of cadet Captain.

Muhasky served for 12 years in the Army serving at Ft Benning several years, a tour in Germany and finished up active duty at Ft. Riley.

In civilian life, Muhasky has been a employee of the U.S. Postal Service for the past 15 years. He is the father of three girls and one boy.

As commander of the Emerald City Composite Squadron, Muhasky's biggest goals is to put the primary focus on the cadet program.

"I am asking for a lot more senior involvement with the cadets. We need parents to be there to serve as mentors and when teachable moments come up, parents need to step up," Muhasky says.

Cadet Promotions See Officers

While total numbers of cadets dropped last year, the cadet program saw two of its cadets promoted as officers and receive the Billy Mitchell Award. They were Cadet Daniel Snow and Cadet Ryan Sageaser. Sageaser also earned the Amelia



Major Ron Muhasky accepts the squadron flag from Kansas Wing Commander Col. Barney King during a Change of Command ceremony in August.

Earhart Award in late December, but it won't be awarded until early February.

Cadet Daniel Fry was completing his requirement for the Mitchell Award in December and should be receiving it in early February.

Other changes in the cadet program have been attributed to the involvement by Squadron chaplain, Lt. Ronald Colby. Colby spent numerous hours making sure there wasn't a void caused with the change of leadership.

Flight Festival Provides Chance to Promote

Jabara Airport was the location



Squadron chaplain Lt. Ronald Colby, Cadet Ryan Sageaser and pilot Lt. Tom Page maintained a public presence during the Wichita Air Show at Jabara Airport in August.

Squadron Count

Cadets	18
Seniors	27



The squadron held a holiday dinner inside the squadron headquarters in December. It was a potluck affair where parents and friends were invited.

for the Kansas Flight Festival August 26-28. Operated by Festivals Inc, organizers of the Wichita River Festival, this was the first year for a planned annual event.

ECCS members took advantage of the opportunity and brought the squadron airplane along with other

display items to promote what the Civil Air Patrol mission is.

The squadron gained several cadet and senior members because of the event.

One other highlight of the festival is when ECCS cadet Ryan Sageser was awarded a full flight scholarship by Cessna, Yingling, Ryan Aviation and B-98 FM. The scholarship was awarded

based on an essay submitted and personal interviews candidates in front of aviation leaders in the community.

Squadron Holds Dinner

Senior membership elected to hold a holiday dinner on December 19 inside

squadron headquarters. Squadron member were asked to bring potluck while the squadron provide the main course of ham and turkey.

Two cadet promotions were made along with an address by Major Muhasky.

Nearly 40 adults and cadets attended the event.

"We are looking to providing more activities for our squadron and their families in 2006," Major Muhasky says.

New Squadron Directory and Yahoo users group available.

A new squadron directory can be obtained through public affairs. Inside you will find all contact information on squadron members. A Yahoo® users group is also available at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eccs_ks_125. The latest in squadron news can be found here.

Commander's Column

This is the first of, hopefully, a long series of messages from me as the commander of the Emerald City Composite Squadron. I am looking forward to a lot of progress in 2006. I see no reason why our squadron can't be a lot of

fun while still accomplishing our mission of training cadets and performing emergency services.

One thing this squadron lacks is an approved squadron patch. Chaplain

Colby has drafted one (view on Yahoo squadron users group) which meets the Air Force heraldry requirements. He has proposed a motto "Ad Caeli" which means "to the skies". I am soliciting any suggestions or comments by our meeting on February 13, so we can submit the design for approval. I would appreciate some other suggestions for a motto, so we can have some alternatives from which to choose.

***Go forth and do well.
Major Ronald J. Muhasky***



Cadet Ryan Sageser does a pre-check during the fall. Sageser soloed in December is on schedule to receive his pilots license by early summer.



Cadet Priscilla Temaat, wears a teaching device to simulate legal intoxication at the Wing Encampment in December. Cadet were asked to perform simple tasks while wearing the goggles.

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